

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 473

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to commend Victoria Lynn Mills for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Lynn Mills is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Tracy and the Senate Transportation committee; Victoria's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Soddy Daisy High School, Ms. Mills was Captain of the women's basketball team for two years and was named to the 2004 All-District high school basketball team; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK), where she is highly regarded by her peers, Victoria has achieved academic success while majoring in art in communication, earning a minor in political science, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, driven by a love of travel and foreign cultures, Victoria studied abroad at the American University in Bulgaria and taught English at the English Language Institute; she has also backpacked through Western Europe; and

WHEREAS, a leader among her peers, Ms. Mills has given of her time and many talents as a member of the UTK intramural basketball team for three years, the President of Voices for Planned Parenthood, and a member of the UTK Coordinating Council; she graduated summa cum laude in May of 2009; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Victoria Mills brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2009 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2009 legislative session, Victoria has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, well liked by her peers and fellow interns, she was voted "Most Athletic" among the interns; and

WHEREAS, never shying away from a new challenge, Victoria willingly stepped in for the Transportation Research Analyst when he was required to take a leave of absence on military duty; she also remained calm and composed on committee days that had the potential to become stressful; and

WHEREAS, Victoria has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum, and the Transportation Committee could not have made it through the session without her assistance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Victoria Lynn Mills for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Tracy and the Senate Transportation committee and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.